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Discover the many pleasures of live conversation at Morris Arts' 12th Anniversary of GREAT CONVERSATIONS, a unique evening of dinner and engaging dialogue with celebrated hosts from the arts, media, tech, sciences, healthcare, public service, sports, industry and more. Marking its 12th anniversary, this year's event is co-chaired by Morris Arts' board members Frank J. Vitolo, Esq. and Stephen Aluotto. Mingle with host Conversationalists during the cocktail hour and then dine with such luminaries as an award-winning TV news correspondent, a 3D experimental visual light artist, a scientist studying deadly diseases and pandemics, a prominent climate scientist, a TV and movie set decorator, a symphony president, a celebrity chef, a former NY Jets president, as well as innovators and leaders in business, finance, communications, tech, healthcare, law, pharma and real estate. Each dinner table will feature a host Conversationalist whose unique experiences, life story and achievements will catalyze intriguing conversations. Don't miss this truly memorable experience!

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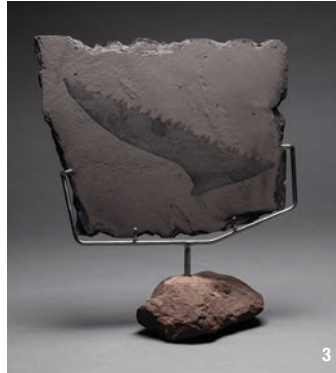
Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this one-of-a-kind evening while supporting Morris Arts' valuable work in the community!

Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020
Time: 6:00pm – Reception | 7:15pm – Dinner
Place: The Birchwood Manor
111 N. Jefferson Rd, Whippany, NJ 07981
Tickets: \$250 through March 31st; \$275 starting April 1st and after.
Tickets available online at www.morrisarts.org
Contact: (973) 285-5115, x13 or www.morrisarts.org



- 1) Oshoke Pamela Abalu and Chinedu Echeruo – Co-founders of Love & Magic
- 2) Karin Ann Payne – Bayer, VP, Quality, North America;
- 3) Bhushan Sethi – PwC, Joint Global Leader, People & Organization
- 4) David Perlin, PhD – Hackensack Meridian Health, Chief Scientific Officer & SVP, Center for Discovery and Innovation
- 5) Anthony Broccoli, PhD – Rutgers Climate Institute Co-Director, Professor & Chair, Rutgers Department of Environmental Sciences;
- 6) Roger Smith – Gensler, Design Director;
- 7) Kathryn Metcalf – Bristol-Myers Squibb, EVP, Corporate Affairs
- 8) Anjalee Khemlani – Yahoo Finance, award-winning international journalist

On March 12, 2020, Morris Arts' Gallery at 14 Maple opens *Vanishing Worlds*



Top Row, L-R: 1) Onnie Strother's photograph, *Loss & Remembrance*; 2) Kate Dodd's mixed media, *Gone*; 3) Bill Westheimer's collodion wet-plate photograph on slate, *Anthropocene #7 (Jawbone)*; 4) Robert Lach's multimedia *Nest Colony II*; 5) Susan Ahlstrom's mixed media, *Tower of Extinction*. Bottom Row, L-R: 6) Diane Savona's wool and thread piece, *Ethiopian Magic Scrolls Tablet*; 7) Lisa G Westheimer's ceramic, Raku fired stoneware, *On the Edge of the Broken City*; 8) Janet Bolax's oil portrait, *Chow Soon*; 9) Philemona Williamson's oil, *Red Buckled Shoe*.

On Thursday, March 12, from 6-8pm, Morris Arts will host a free opening reception for the Gallery at 14 Maple's twenty third exhibit entitled *Vanishing Worlds*. Guest curator Yvette Lucas selected works created by nine outstanding artists (painting, mixed media, photography, and sculpture) for display at the Gallery, a distinctive space located on the 3rd floor of the LEED certified "green" building at 14 Maple Ave., Morristown.

The exhibit features works by a diverse and distinguished group of New Jersey artists, including Susan Ahlstrom (Stirling), Janet Boltax (Montclair), Kate Dodd (Orange), Robert F. Lach (Orange), Diane Savona (Passaic), Onnie Strother (East Orange), Bill Westheimer (West Orange), Lisa G Westheimer (West Orange) and Philemona Williamson (Montclair). Each artist brings a unique perspective to the theme of *Vanishing Worlds*, whether confronting species extinction, lost libraries of the ancient world, disappearing professions, obsolete technologies, vanishing childhood or the gradual vanishings associated with aging. All are rendered with creative, imaginative and intriguing insights that makes the viewer reflect on the fleeting nature of existence and the inexorable march of time.

Guest Curator Yvette Lucas adds the following insight about the exhibit:

This exhibit explores the ways that we experience transition and change, loss and growth through memories, mistakes, achievements, and time. By viewing these worlds that the exhibiting artists have revealed, we may be witnesses to those places or moments that have been lost or will be lost in future times. Change is inevitable but how we respond to it is a choice.

Additionally, at the opening reception, the winners of the Ehlers and Coladarci Arts Scholarships (violinist Ryan Nguyen and visual artist Emma Schaberg, respectively) will be introduced and recognized for their exceptional achievements.

Morris Arts gratefully acknowledges support for this exhibit from



The exhibit is open to the public Monday-Friday from 10am to 4pm and by appointment, and will remain on display until August 20, 2020. Visit www.morrisarts.org or call (973) 285-5115 for additional information, including the exhibit catalogue which contains details and sale prices for all works. The Gallery at 14 Maple is a barrier-free facility. Individuals needing special accommodation should contact Kaity DeLaura at (973) 285-5115, x 14 or kdelaurea@morrisarts.org

Dream With Your Eyes Open, Art in the Atrium's African-American Art Exhibit reopens the Atrium Gallery on March 20, 2020

With an opening reception on March 20, 2020, the Atrium Gallery will reopen its spaces, showcasing the 28th annual exhibition and sale of African American Art presented by Art in the Atrium. Featuring the works of the renowned Newark artist / poet / educator, the late Jerry Gant, along with works by more than 30 emerging and established artists, this annual show represents the largest African American fine art exhibit in New Jersey. This year's show, entitled *Dream With Your Eyes Open*, will also honor the memory of Art in the Atrium's co-founder and artist / educator Victoria "Viki" La Beaux Clark Craig. She passed away December 27, 2018 and was honored by the Morris County Freeholders on Dr. Martin Luther King Day for her "three decades of service in creating and fostering the annual Art in the Atrium exhibit of African-American art in Morris County." The restoration of this exhibit at the Atrium will be an especially fitting tribute to Viki whose efforts in the arts enriched us all.

From top: poster for Art in the Atrium's upcoming show; Victoria "Viki" La Beaux Clark Craig.



MORRIS ARTS - ARTS IN EDUCATION SHOWCASE

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020



On April 21, 2020 at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre (36 Madison Ave. at Lancaster Rd. in Madison - on the Drew University campus), Morris Arts will present its annual Arts In Education Showcase featuring performing / teaching artists from throughout the United States. Cultural arts leaders, teachers, administrators and PTA members have the chance to preview programs in dance, music, visual arts, theatre, storytelling and poetry, available for in-school performances and community gatherings. Additionally, Artist Residency programs, available for schools and community projects, will be highlighted. This event offers an excellent opportunity to not only preview multiple programs but also to meet the artists during the intermissions. As the date approaches, please visit www.morrisarts.org for a complete list of performances for the showcase day and contact Barbara Reuther at breuther@morrisarts.org for additional information.

The Showcase is being sponsored by:
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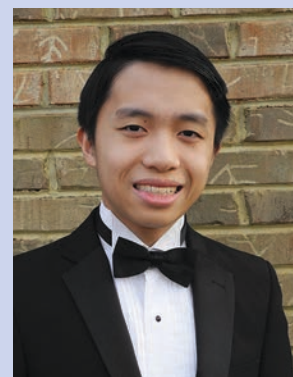
Morris Arts' Honors Ehlers and Coladarci Arts Scholarship Winners

On the evening of March 12, 2020 Morris Arts will introduce Violinist **Ryan Nguyen**, winner of the Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship (\$5,000) and visual artist **Emma Schaberg**, winner of the Eugenie Coladarci Arts Scholarship (\$1,500) at the opening reception for the new exhibit in the Gallery at 14 Maple. This year's Ehlers Scholarship winner, violinist Ryan Nguyen, a graduating senior at Morris Hills High School, will pursue a minor in music at Stanford University next fall. He plans to continue performing, studying and teaching violin in Stanford's MELODY program. Ryan distinguished himself as a 2018 and 2019 Gold Winner in the National League of Performing Arts International Young Artists Competition, a 2nd Prize winner for East Coast International Competition, and Grand Winner in the IMAS Talented Young Musicians Olympia Competition. Additionally, he studied violin privately at the pre-college division of the Manhattan School of Music, performed in the NJ Youth Symphony, All State, Regionals, served as concertmaster in multiple string ensembles, and soloed with the Sussex County Youth Orchestra. He wrote movingly of the power of his violin to transcend barriers of language, culture and generation, especially noting how it enables him to communicate with his Vietnamese grandparents. Ryan impressed the scholarship panel with his technical skill, the clarity and beauty of his tone quality, his bow control, excellent intonation, wide dynamic range and the maturity of his musicianship. His violin teacher at the Manhattan School stated: "Of all the talented students who have passed through my studio over the last fifteen years...

Ryan is one of the best of them all. He would easily rank amongst the top of all pre-college violin students."

This year's Coladarci Scholarship winner is visual artist Emma Schaberg, a graduating senior at West Morris Mendham High School. She attended pre-college animation training at the School of Visual Arts in NYC, won 1st and 3rd places in acrylic painting at the highly selective Blackwell Street Juried Student Exhibit at the Atrium Gallery, qualified for the competitive "Fresh Perspectives" juried high school exhibit at the Morris Museum, had her work in the Congressional Art Competition and is currently hired by Dr. Yana Kofman (of The Yoga Way) to create illustrations for yoga publications, a children's book and memoir. Citing her own health difficulties, Emma explains, "... the silent power of my paintbrush has tipped the scale and given me the courage to unearth the emotions of life...." The panel was particularly impressed by that emotional power in her artwork, the technical skill in her execution, the composition and use of color, the sophistication of her animation and the overall artistic maturity of her work. One recommender stated, "...in my twenty-five years of teaching I have rarely (if ever) had a student that I could recommend as highly as Emma...In every art class that she has taken, she has consistently stood out as the top student."

The judges were unanimous in their choices. Congratulations to all!



From top, 2020 winners: Violinist Ryan Nguyen, Ehlers Arts Scholarship winner; Visual Artist Emma Schaberg, Coladarci Arts Scholarship winner.

MEET ME IN MORRISTOWN

FRIENDS SHOPPING MUSIC ART FOOD



Scenes from Meet Me in Morristown, 2018.

The Creative Placemaking initiative launched by Morris Arts in collaboration with the Morristown Partnership, will be returning starting May 28, 2020. Bringing the arts to the Morristown business district on the last Thursdays in May, June, July, and August, selected musicians and artists set up shop, showcase and sell their art or perform live throughout the town while various Morristown businesses operate sidewalk sales or demonstrations ... an exciting grassroots experience!

SAVE THE DATES:

- **March 12:** Gallery at 14 Maple, Vanishing Worlds opens, intro of Scholarship Winners, 6-8pm
- **March 20:** Opening Reception, Art in the Atrium's *Dream With Your Eyes Open*, 6-9pm
- **April 21:** Arts in Education Showcase, 9:00am-1:30pm
- **April 29:** Great Conversations, 6-9:30pm
- **May 28:** Meet Me in Morristown, 5-8pm
- **June 28:** Giralda Music & Arts Festival, 4-7:30pm
- **June 30:** Music Beyond Borders, 12:30-1:30pm

To support Morris Arts: How to get involved...

- **Consider an in-kind gift.** Now is a great time to share your technical or professional expertise or items that you think might be useful to Morris Arts.
- **Celebrate holidays and milestones with a tribute gift to Morris Arts.** A donation to Morris Arts is the perfect gift to for a loved one committed to creativity.
- **Check to see whether your company has a matching gift program.** Some companies will match the donations or value of volunteer time given by their employees.
- **Send us your e-mail address!** We value sustainability and community – help us communicate with you more effectively as we all work to build a greener, more creative world. To sign up, visit www.morrisarts.org.

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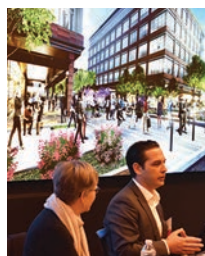
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The Arts in the Workplace? Morris Arts presents *The Art of Health and Wellness in Commercial Real Estate*



Clockwise from top right: Morris Arts Executive Director Tom Werder welcomes guests; capacity crowd attends the event; Peter Bronsnick talks about current project; Time for breakfast and networking.

A pottery wheel in the conference room? The evolution of the modern workplace to incorporate the arts, wellness and health was the subject of a January 16, 2020 breakfast attended by a capacity crowd. A panel of thought leaders, including Brenda Nyce-Taylor (Gensler), Peter Bronsnick (SJP Properties), Beck Bradley (Atlantic Health/ construction) and Marisa Sweeny (Be Well Integrative Health Services, NJ VegFest) presented their insights and led discussion about the intersection of the arts, wellness and healthcare in the modern workplace.

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